

Constitution

GENERAL ORATORY AND LITERARY SOCIETY

[March 28, 2019]

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the General Oratory and Literary Society, hereafter referred to as GOALS, an **autonomous** and **democratic** students' society to realize our purpose, do hereby adopt and establish this **Constitution** as the guiding instrument of our society.

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the organization shall officially be the **General Oratory and Literary Society**

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

I) To inculcate sound Oratory skills in the students by organizing Public Speaking events.

II) To recognize and nurture writing talent of the students.

III) To inculcate applicable management skills in the members of the society through providing opportunities in event management, content management, etc.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP*²

A: Society will be open for interested members of IIT Bhilai only, at most twice a semester, the procedure for which should include an interview round and if the secretaries want, they can organise some activities which are appropriate to check their merits, with a panel comprising both secretaries.*¹

B: Every member is required to attend club meetings. Missing out on two consecutive meetings without providing a genuine reason will result in expulsion from the society.

C: Every member of the society will have equal voting right, which they will exercise during the internal election/s.

ARTICLE IV: MEETING

A: Meetings of the society will be held at most twice a month (depending on activity scheduling).

B: Meeting schedules will be at the discretion of the secretaries.

ARTICLE V: EXECUTIVE BOARD

A: Secretary

(a)The society shall have 2 secretaries.

(b)The selection of the secretaries will be based on a vote by all members of the society. All members shall have equal voting rights and an ex-secretary shall be appointed voting officer.

(c) In case of a secretary failing to complete a term howsoever, an Interim election will be conducted to fill the position in not more than 2 weeks.

B: Core member1**

The procedure to select Core member/s, if required, would be up to the discretion of the secretaries.

ARTICLE VI: Selection of Secretaries

A(a): The Society finds the 'Election' as a mode to select it's secretaries.**1

A(b): Each secretary will have his/her tenure from the 1st week of the society's election to the next election.*1

A(c): The election should be held within one week of the CoSA election.

B: Each society member will vote on a preferential basis, out of which, the top 2 candidates will be elected as secretaries.

C: Only society members can contend for the position of a secretary.**2

D: In case of any standoff such as not enough contenders, the current secretaries have the right to act on their own accord.

E: In case there is a tie in vote count between two candidates, there'll be a re-election between the two.

F: In case there is only one nomination or not enough nomination for the post of Secretary, the decision of ex secretaries would be considered final.**1

ARTICLE VII: FUNDS

The standard procedure for funding of all clubs in IIT Bhilai as per CoSA guidelines shall be followed by the society.

ARTICLE VIII: COMMITTEES/DIVISIONS

*****1 ARTICLE VIII(A):**

There shall be 2 main divisions in the society:

1. DebSoc
2. LitSoc

DebSoc and LitSoc will be internal bodies and only members of society can be a part of it.

The DebSoc shall deal with all activities related to any form of debate. This division shall include the members specifically interested in debate, and shall focus all its efforts in the improvement of the debating skills of its members.

The LitSoc shall deal with all activities related to the creation and presentation of any form of written literature, including poems and essays. This division shall include members specifically interested in written literature, and shall focus all its efforts in the refinement of literary skills of its members.

ARTICLE IX: AFFILIATIONS

A: The society is an independently functioning society, affiliated with CoSA, IIT Bhilai, and is subject to all rules and guidelines of the Council and is a part of the Cultural Council.

B: The status of autonomy of the society will **not** be open to alteration in any form by amendment or otherwise.

ARTICLE X: RATIFICATION

The constitution shall be circulated among all members of the society for their perusal. If and when deemed fit, it shall be officially adopted by the society.

ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS

(A) Upon the raising of any issue with the constitution by any member of the Society, a meeting shall be convened by the secretaries (at their discretion) to discuss the amendment. If approved by means of a majority vote via referendum, the constitution shall be officially amended.

(B)(a) However, the Preamble, Article I, Article V and Article VI shall require at least 2/3rd vote-share from the society members who vote, to be amended.**1

(B)(b) Article IX, Article XI (A) and Article XIII shall remain immune to any amendment whatsoever.**1

(C) To amend any article of the constitution or to bring new articles to the constitution or a subject which has not been stated in the Constitution anywhere, shall require more than 50% of vote share from the society members who vote.**1

ARTICLE XII: BYLAWS*1**

Other main bodies, there will be committees with specified functioning of 2-5 members -

1. Outreach Committee, which will take care of the Facebook page of the society as well as for the competition in which club members can participate
 - i. Web Coordinator: will be a part of the outreach committee; responsible for developing and managing the GOALS' website.
2. Library Committee, which will take care of the hostel library, maintain books catalogue, conduct surveys about which books to purchase and other related queries.

ARTICLE XIII1**

This Article gives power to the members of the Society to amend the articles or parts of the Constitution which are immune to any amendment. To amend such articles shall require more than 75% of the share of the members who vote.

NOTE THAT:

***X** This article/part of the Constitution was edited after the Xth Constitution Amendment.

****X** Addition of this element or addition of some subject or subjects into this element after the Xth Constitution Amendment.

*****X** Some part of this was deleted after the Xth Constitution Amendment.

FIRST CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT, 2020

(Amended on May 15, 2020)

**The nature of the Articles of the Constitution before First Constitution Amendment, 2020
(for reference purpose only, not a part of the Constitution)**

ARTICLE III- Society will be open for interested members, at most twice a semester, the procedure for which should include an interview round with a panel comprising of all three secretaries.

ARTICLE V-

A: The society shall have 2 secretaries.

B: The selection of the secretaries will be based on a vote by all members of the society. All members shall have equal voting rights and an ex-secretary shall be appointed voting officer.

C. In case of a secretary failing to complete a term howsoever, an Interim election will be conducted to fill the position in not more than 2 weeks.

ARTICLE VI- A: Each secretary will have a tenure of a year, from 1st April to 31st March of next year.

ARTICLE XI- Upon the raising of any issue with the constitution by any member, a meeting shall be convened by the secretaries (at their discretion) to discuss the amendment. If approved by means of a majority vote via referendum, the constitution shall be officially amended. However, **Article V and Article VI** shall require at least 2/3rd vote-share from the society members to be amended, while **Article IX and Article XI** shall remain immune to any amendment whatsoever.

ARTICLE XII- The Quizzing Club shall operate independently under the wing of the society, and as such, is free to decide its own functioning and event schedule.

The society will have its own rules and regulations along with its events and competition. All outreach communication will be done through GOALS.

In case of any conflict between the Quizzing Club and other divisions, the decision of the Cultural Secretary will be deemed as final.

SECOND CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT, 2021

(Amended on April 7, 2021)

The nature of the Articles of the Constitution before Second Constitution Amendment, 2021.

(for reference purpose only, not a part of the Constitution)

Article III: Membership

A: Society will be open for interested members of IIT Bhilai only, the procedure for which should include an interview round and if the secretaries want, they can organise some activities which are appropriate to check their merits, with a panel comprising both secretaries.

B: Every member is required to attend club meetings. Missing out on two consecutive meetings without providing a genuine reason will result in expulsion from the society.

C: Every member of the society will have equal voting right, which they will exercise during the internal election, once a year.

ARTICLE VI: Selection of Secretaries

C: Only society members can contend for the position of a secretary, elections will be held within a week of formation of a new CoSA.